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SUBJECT: TECHNICIANS EXCHANGE

REF: MEXICO 3980

1. EMBASSY MAY CONVEY FOLLOWING FORMAL STATEMENT TO OBREGON WITH REGARD TO U.S. SUPPORT FOR U.S. CITIZEN CANDIDATES PROPOSED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE TO CONACYT TO PARTICIPATE IN EXCHANGE. CANDIDATES FOR GRADUATE STUDY WHO HAVE NOT RECEIVED THEIR DOCTORATE, OR WHO HAVE NOT HAD EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE IN THEIR SPECIALTY WILL BE FUNDED FOR AN INITIAL PERIOD OF UP TO 12 MONTHS WITH A MONTHLY MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE OF US DOLLARS 325. THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL ALLOWANCES FOR TRAVEL WITHIN MEXICO, FOR BOOKS, AND FOR ANY ACCOMPANYING DEPENDENTS. CANDIDATES WITH DOCTOR'S DEGREES OR WITH EXTENSIVE PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE WILL GENERALLY BE RECEIVING THEIR REGULAR SALARY FROM THEIR EMPLOYERS, SUPPLEMENTED BY A U.S. GOVERNMENT GRANT TO COVER COSTS OF FOOD AND LODGING, TRAVEL IN MEXICO, AND BOOKS. ALL CANDIDATES WILL RECEIVE ROUND TRIP INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL GRANTS.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO DETERMINE IF OBREGON PREPARED TO ACCEPT ANY OF FOUR PENDING CASES ON BASIS ABOVE INFORMATION. FYI CANDIDATES PRESSING FOR DECISION ON APPLICATION.
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TIONS SINCE THEY ARE UNDER PRESSURE TO MAKE ALTERNATIVE

PLANS END FYI.

3. U.S. COMMITMENTS WITH REGARD TO MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS ARE AS OUTLINED BY U.S. STAFF DELEGATION IN JANUARY 1974 PREPARATORY FOR MIXED COMMISSION MEETING, NAMELY THAT THROUGH JUNE 1975 THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL CONTINUE ON THE SAME BASIS AND AT APPROXIMATELY SAME LEVEL, IMPROVING UPON THE PROGRAM AS A RESULT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCES OF 1973. AS REQUESTED BY CONACYT AND AS A RESULT OF AID OFFICER BRANDT'S VISIT TO MEXICO IN FEBRUARY, DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED SCIENCE ATTACHE AT MEXICAN EMBASSY WITH FOLLOWING GUIDELINES FOR PROGRAMMING MEXICAN PARTICIPANTS THROUGH JUNE 30, 1975:

QUOTE:

1. CONACYT WILL PRESENT A REQUEST FOR TRAINING DESIRED TO THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL TRAINING THROUGH THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO SCIENCE ATTACHE, MEXICAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON. CONACYT WILL FORWARD THESE REQUESTS FOR TRAINING AS SOON AS CONACYT ACCEPTS A CANDIDATE FOR PARTICIPATION, SO THAT AID/W WILL NOT HAVE TO PROGRAM A LARGE GROUP AT ANY ONE TIME.

2. CONACYT WILL ASSURE AID/W THAT THE CANDIDATE FOR TRAINING IS COMPETENT IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE, TO WORK AND/OR STUDY IN ENGLISH. AS MAY BE REQUIRED BY THE CANDIDATE, AID/W WILL PROVIDE UP TO EIGHT (8) WEEKS OF ENGLISH REFRESHER TRAINING UNDER THE PRESENT CONTRACT WITH THE AMERICAN LANGUAGE INSTITUTE OF GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY.

3. THE PROPOSED TRAINING PROGRAM DESIGNED BY AID WILL LIST THE LOCATION, NAME OF INSTITUTION, AGENCY, COMPANY, PERSON TO CONTACT, DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPOSED TRAINING, SCHEDULE OF TRAINING. THE SCHEDULE WILL INCLUDE AN ESTIMATE OF THE COST OF TRAVEL FROM WASHINGTON TO THE TRAINING LOCATION OR LOCATIONS. IF THE NATURE OF THE TRAINING REQUIRES ANY SPECIAL INSURANCE COVERAGE, THE TRAINING PROGRAM WILL INDICATE THIS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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THE PLAN OF OPERATIONS PROVISION FOR EXPOSING PARTICIPANTS AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE TO CULTURAL EVENTS, AID/W'S PROPOSED PROGRAM WILL INCLUDE PLANS FOR PARTICIPATION AN ORIENTATION PROGRAM, ACADEMIC WORKSHOPS, CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS, AND A COMMUNICATIONS SEMINAR.

4. CONACYT WILL THEN NOTIFY AID/W OF PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE, REQUESTED CHANGES, OR NON-ACCEPTANCE.

5. UPON RECEIPT OF PROGRAM ACCEPTANCE, AID/W WILL
FORWARD A FORM DSP-66 TO CONACYT TO SUPPORT THE CANDIDATE'S

APPLICATION FOR A J-1 VISA. AT THE SAME TIME, AID/W WILL
SPECIFY THE DATE THAT THE PARTICIPANT IS TO DEPART
FOR THE UNITED STATES.

6. COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN CONACYT AND AID/W WILL
NORMALLY BE THROUGH THE SCIENCE ATTACHE OF THE MEXI-
CAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

7. AS THE PARTICIPANT'S TRAINING SCHEDULE WILL
HAVE BEEN FULLY SPECIFIED, HE OR SHE SHOULD COME FULLY
PREPARED FINANCIALLY TO TRAVEL TO THE DESIGNATED TRAIN-
ING LOCATIONS.

8. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE PARTICIPANT RECEIVE
A MONTHLY STIPEND OF AT LEAST \$450. RUSH

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